

**What is Claimed:**

- 1 1. A method of providing selectable access to a predetermined number of  
2 menu items prearranged within an operating menu structure implemented in an  
3 electronic device comprising,  
4 adapting the menu structure by rearranging menu items dependent on the  
5 respective selection rate of said menu items.
  
- 1 2. A method of claim 1, wherein the step of adapting comprises the step of  
2 moving a menu item in response to the respective selection rate.
  
- 1 3. A method of claim 1, wherein the step of adapting comprises the step of  
2 ordering selected menu items dependent on their selection rates.
  
- 1 4. A method of claim 1 wherein a learning mode is activated by selecting a  
2 corresponding menu item prior to adapting the menu structure.
  
- 1 5. A method of claim 1 wherein the menu items are prearranged within logical  
2 areas and the step of adapting the menu structure is performed by rearranging the  
3 menu items within their respective logical areas.
  
- 1 6. A method of claim 1, further comprising the step of calculating a new menu  
2 structure dependent on collected data about the respective selection rates of the  
3 menu items within the current menu structure prior to the step of adapting.
  
- 1 7. A method of claim 1, further comprising the step of collecting data about  
2 respective selection rates and the step of providing a proposal for the adaptation  
3 prior to the step of adapting.
  
- 1 8. A method of claim 1, further comprising the step of defining a threshold  
2 representing a degree of distinction between a new menu structure and the  
3 respective current menu structure and in response to the reaching of the threshold  
4 the step of providing a proposal for a new menu structure.

- 1 9. A method of claim 8, wherein the reaching of the threshold is monitored by  
2 counting one for every menu item in a new structure that has no corresponding  
3 match in the current menu structure.
- 1 10. An electronic device, comprising means for indicating menu items which  
2 can be selected from an operating menu structure implemented in said electronic  
3 device, and  
4 means for adapting the menu structure by rearranging menu items  
5 dependent on the respective selection rate of said menu items.
- 1 11. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising a counter and means for  
2 respectively incrementing the counter value assigned to a menu item in response  
3 to a selection of said menu item.
- 1 12. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for assigning to each  
2 selected menu item a respective reference value representing the amount of  
3 selections of said menu item and means for updating said reference value each  
4 time the associated menu item is selected.
- 1 13. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for comparing a current  
2 menu structure with a calculated new menu item, a programmable  
3 microprocessor, and at least one storage associated therewith.
- 1 14. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for activating the  
2 adaptation of the menu structure and means for activating a learning mode prior to  
3 activate the adaptation.
- 1 15. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising an implemented menu  
2 structure divided into logical areas.
- 1 16. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for calculating a new  
2 menu structure dependent on collected data about the respective selection rates.

- 1 17. An electronic device of claims 10, comprising means for collecting data  
2 about respective selection rates and means for providing a proposal for the  
3 adaptation of the menu structure.
- 1 18. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for monitoring a pre-  
2 defined or definable threshold representing a degree of distinction between a new  
3 menu structure and the respective current menu structure.
- 1 19. An electronic device of claim 18, wherein the means for monitoring the  
2 threshold is designed to count one for every menu item in a new structure that has  
3 no corresponding match in the current menu structure.
- 1 20. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for graphically depicting  
2 the menu structure and menu items arranged within said menu structure and  
3 means for selecting the menu items, by controlling the means for graphically  
4 depicting.
- 1 21. An electronic device of claim 10, having control means comprising a key  
2 board with at least some keys respectively assigned to specific menu items,  
3 wherein the control means comprises a touch sensitive display or is speech-  
4 operated.